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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Duong, L. T., et al.		
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For:	Methods for Treating Arthritic Conditions		Examiner: G. G. Huang

Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIRMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed June 28, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in light of the following remarks.

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